



RECEIVED

JUL 22 2002

TC 1700

PATENT  
0649-0619P

103-4

39/5  
AS  
8/1/02

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuyuki TANAKA et al. Conf.: 5656  
Appl. No.: 08/941,132 Group: 1713  
Filed: September 30, 1997 Examiner: E. Zitomer  
For: MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

08/01/2002 ASINGLET 00000001 022448 08941132

01 FC:103 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
72-00 CH Washington, DC 20231

July 17, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A process for the production of a graft-copolymerized natural rubber latex which comprises deproteinizing natural rubber latex and then graft-copolymerizing the natural rubber latex.

51